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TWO FEDERAL PRISON INMATES INDICTED FOR MARIJUANA POSSESSION

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two inmates at the United States Medical Center Federal Prison were indicted by a federal grand jury today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegal possession of marijuana.

* **Eric S. Wilson**, 26, who is incarcerated at the U.S. Medical Center Federal Prison, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

The federal indictment alleges that **Wilson** possessed marijuana on Aug. 12, 2003, at the federal prison in Springfield.

* **Marcus John Owens**, 34, who is incarcerated at the U.S. Medical Center Federal Prison, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

The federal indictment alleges that **Owens** possessed marijuana on May 26, 2003, at the federal prison in Springfield.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictments are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

Both of these cases are being prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Michael A. Jones. These cases were investigated by the Bureau of Prisons Special Investigation Section and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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